

Dan Werner, Bio

Dan Werner serves as Senior Supervising Attorney for the Southern Poverty Law Center's Immigrant Justice Project, which combats workplace exploitation and other human rights abuses of immigrants. He is an expert on human trafficking law and the coauthor of *A Guide to Civil Litigation on Behalf of Victims of Human Trafficking*. In 2015, Werner received a \$14 million verdict in a human trafficking case brought on behalf of skilled Indian guest workers brought to the United States for forced labor. For this victory, he and his trial team were awarded the 2015 Public Justice Trial Lawyer of the Year Award. Werner also is Vice-Chair of the Freedom Network USA, a national alliance of experienced advocates working with survivors of all forms of human trafficking to ensure that trafficked persons have access to justice, safety, and opportunity. He has lectured and testified in the U.S., Europe, Asia, and the Pacific Islands on issues affecting victims of human trafficking and other forms of severe labor exploitation. Previously, he cofounded the Workers' Rights Law Center of New York with an Echoing Green fellowship after six years as a lawyer with Farmworker Legal Services of New York. Werner also has represented citrus workers in Florida under a NAPIL fellowship. He is a graduate of Grinnell College in Iowa and the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law.